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1. The Ministry of Foreign Trade has suggested that the DDR participate in the following industrial exhibitions during 1952:
 - a. Bucharest, Rumania: The Ministry of Foreign Trade and the State Secretariat for Material Supply are to prepare lists of products which are of major importance for the development of the Rumanian economy. Products of the mining, chemical, electro-technical and communications industries are among those which the DDR plans to exhibit.
 - b. Peking, China: State Secretary for Foreign Trade Kurt Gregor has announced that the Chinese government desires to stage an exhibition in Peking in May and June 1952. The DDR is considering, however, the possibility of requesting a postponement of the date to allow special preparation for the fair.
 - c. Utrecht, Holland: The DDR will show only top-quality and carefully selected products at this fair, scheduled for late March and early April 1952. The Ministry of Foreign Trade has been requested to decide upon the possible inclusion of seeds, drugs and Meissen china in the DDR exhibitions.
 - d. Milan, Italy: The DDR plans to participate in the Milan industrial fair at the end of March and beginning of April. Glass, ceramics, toys and cultural products will be shown.
 - e. Stockholm, Sweden: At the Stockholm fair, scheduled for late August and early September, the DDR will show scientific instruments, with emphasis on the optical industry.
2. The SAG Administration has requested a decision in the near future concerning participation in the Leipzig Fair by the VEB's and SAG's so that preparations may be made.

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